

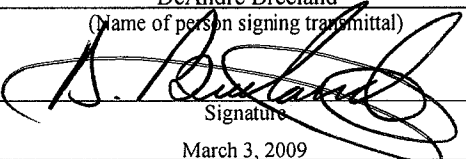
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Natsuko Yotsumoto, et al.  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 5, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on April 6, 2009 (April 5, 2009 being a

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Sunday). Applicants submit this response within the two-month date of March 5, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.